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From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

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To VYShINSKIJ[1].

I refer to your No.515. STENBERG has given his opinion in accordance with our No.1748. He and attorney LUNDBERG [3 groups unrecovered] to talk with acting minister of justice BJÖRKQUIST about the condition of SIDORENKO's[11] health and about the necessity of taking measures. I have talked with BRANTING[111] and LUNDBERG. They said that according to the law SIDORENKO's return cannot be asked for on grounds of health and that the Swedes will hardly go that far. However, it seems to me we ought to use STENBERG's opinion and strongly warn GÜNTHER[iv], in the name of the legation or of the Soviet government, about possible serious consequences. Please confirm immediately, for delay is extremely undesirable.

SEMENOV[v]

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Comments:

[1] VYShINSKIJ: Deputy Peoples Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

[11] SIDORENKO: Member of a Soviet trade delegation, convicted of sabotage and at the time serving a long sentence.

[111] Georg Branting: Prominent member of the Social Democratic Party of Sweden and legal advisor to the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm.

[iv] GÜNTHER: Foreign minister of Sweden.

[v] SEMENOV: First secretary of the Soviet legation in Sweden.

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